

## City of Rogers Community Development Block Grant 301 West Chestnut Rogers, AR 72756



## **MEMORANDUM**

## City of Rogers Public Meeting Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program 5 Year Consolidated Plan (2018-2022) 2021 Program Year Action Plan

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

The City of Rogers is a participant in the Department of Housing & Urban Development's (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Cities Program. The City receives a formula grant annually as participants in the Program. The primary objective of the CDBG Program is the preservation and development of viable communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, economic development opportunities, public service activities and public facility improvements principally for low and moderate income persons. The City was notified on March 1, 2021 that it will receive \$455,391 for the 2021 Program Year. The City has amended a Five-Year Consolidated Plan (2018-2022) and prepared a One-Year Action Plan (2021). The CDBG Administrator will be holding an open house public hearing to obtain views of citizens, public agencies, and other interested parties including broadband internet service providers and agencies who manage flood prone areas, public land, or water resources, and emergency management agencies that will or may be affected by the 2018-2022 Five-Year Consolidated Plan and the 2021 Program Year Action Plan. You can drop in anytime during the scheduled hour to ask questions and provide comments on the plans. The meeting will be held on April 26, 2020 from 5:30-6:30 PM at the Rogers Activity Center, 315 West Olive Street, Rogers, Arkansas. Due to COVID-19, masks will be required. The meeting will be in a wheelchair accessible location and an English to Spanish translator will be available providing you call 621-1121 and request a translator be present. The City encourages "all" of its residents, especially minorities, non-English speaking persons, persons with disabilities, residents of public and assisted housing developments, extremely-low to low/moderate income residents, residents living in slum and blighted areas, areas where program funds are proposed to be used, and residents in predominantly low-to-moderate-income-neighborhoods to comment on the proposed plans. For information call Donna Johnston at 621-1121 or email: <u>djohnston@rogersar.gov</u>. A summary of the activities to be funded in the 2021 Program Year Action Plan are: Program Administration \$16,000 - costs associated with administering the Program; Public Service Program \$68,000.00: \$4,000 – transportation assistance; \$5,000 – CASA to assist abused and neglected children in Rogers; \$9,000 – Boys and Girls Club for scholarship assistance; \$50,000 – Covid-19 clinics to include transportation to and from the clinic. Housing Services Program \$164,891 – cost to administer the Housing Program on single-family, owner-owned housing rehabilitation for low-moderate-income residents; Facility Program \$206,500: – grant to PEARL - \$56,500 and grant to AAO - \$150,000. The 2021 Action Plan will be available for review on April 27, 2021 at <a href="www.rogersar.gov">www.rogersar.gov</a>. Persons interested, but unable to attend this Public Hearing, are invited to review the plan online and submit written comments no later than May 26, 2021 to the CDBG Administrator, 301 West Chestnut, Rogers, AR 72756. You may also request a copy of the plan by contacting Donna Johnston. A summary of comments received will be submitted to the Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD). The City will submit the 2021 Program Year Action Plan to HUD electronically on or about May 27, 2021.

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